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正月廿四號五正英

PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 4. LAUREL, British bark, 639, Graman, Rajang December 2nd, Timber.

Order—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

January 5. PHONIX, German str., 789, H. T. Leutens, Chinkiang 1st January, General.

January 5. CATHARINA II., Russian steamer, 810, W. Golles, Amoy 3rd January.

General—BYN HIN & CO.

January 5. OLYMPIA, German steamer, 788, Wagner, Canton 4th January, General.

—SIMONSEN & CO.

January 5. LEE-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 734, E. W. Tindall, Shanghai 1st January, General—C. M. S. N. CO.

January 5. SIN NANZING, British steamer, 714, Douye, Canton 4th January, General.

JANUARY 5. KANTHATCHA, British str., 703, P. Hueser, Canton January 5th, General.

C. M. S. N. CO.

January 5. CANTON, British steamer, 1,095, J. C. Jaques, Amoy Jan 3rd, Swatow 4th, General—GEE CHONG FONG.

January 5. HALWOOD, British steamer, 277, F. Ashton, Wanhsien 3rd, Swatow 4th January, General—Douglas Lippak & Co.

January 5. CASSANDRA, German str., 1,097, F. Ahrens, Canton 5th Jan, Ballast.

SIMONSEN & CO.

CLEARANCES

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.

JANUARY 5TH.

Chinkiang, British steamer, for Shanghai.

Paohai, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.

Catharina II., Russian str., for Singapore.

Sin Nanzing, British bark, for Hamburg.

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DEPARTURES.

January 5. GREYHOUND, British steamer, for Holkow.

January 5. DANUBE, British str., for Swatow.

January 5. CHINA, German str., for Swatow.

January 5. HAWKINS, British steamer, for Canton.

January 5. NEWFELD, Fr. str., for Yokohama.

January 5. LEE YUEN, Chi. str., for Canton.

January 5. PHONIX, Ger. str., for Canton.

January 5. PAUTAU, Chi. str., for Shanghai.

January 5. P. HEINRICH, German steamer, for Bangkok.

January 5. AVAX, Brit. str., for Yokohama.

January 5. ANADYR, Fr. str., for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

For Phonix, str., from Chinkiang.—9 Chinese.

For Catharina II., str., from Amoy.—342 Chinese.

For Lee-yuen, str., from Shanghai.—12 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For Phontau, str., for Shanghai.—2 Europeans.

To depart.

For Ching-yan, str., for Shanghai.—1 European and 60 Chinese.

For Catharina II., str., for Singapore.—512 Chinese.

For Sin Nanzing, str., for Shanghai.—10 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer Lee Yuen reports left Shanghai on 1st January, and had fine, clear weather and high winds.

The British steamer Canton reports left Amoy on January 3rd, and Swatow on 4th, had moderate weather and fine N.E. winds.

The German steamer Phönix reports left Chinkiang on 1st January, and had moderate N.W. winds and mostly fine, clear weather.

The British steamer Holkow reports from Taiwan to Swatow had fresh N.E. breeze. From Swatow to Hongkong had moderate N.E. breeze at rain time. Steamer in Swatow, Elwood. Steamer Wenzhou, Namo, China, and Canton left many day.

NAGASAKI SHIPPING.

December ARRIVALS.

17. Tyne, British steamer, from Shanghai.

18. Ariane-Isle, British str., from Shanghai.

19. Volvo, Danish steamer, from Kobe.

20. British bark, from Kobe.

21. J. Wood, British bark, from Shanghai.

22. G. D. Constance, R.R. str., from H.M.A.

23. Shario Maru, Jan str., from Wenchow.

24. Appin, British steamer, from Hongkong.

25. Genku Maru, Jap. str., from Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

17. Gerrose, British steamer, for Shanghai.

18. Craighaugh, British steamer, for Shanghai.

19. Tyne, British steamer, for Shanghai.

20. Fresto, British bark, for Shanghai.

21. British steamer, for Hongkong.

22. Lido, British steamer, for Shanghai.

23. St. Silvia, British steamer, for Yokohama.

24. G. D. Constance, R.R. str., for Shanghai.

25. Waverley, British steamer for Shanghai.

YOKOHAMA SHIPPING.

December ARRIVALS.

11. Kumanoto Maru, Jap. str., from Hakodate.

12. Wandering, Brit. steam-yacht, from H.M.A.

13. Teiya Maru, Jap. str., from Yokohama.

14. Kokomo Maru, Jap. str., from Hakodate.

15. Monocacy, Amer. gunboat, from Teng.

16. Takachiburi Maru, Japanese str., from Kobe.

17. San Francisco.

18. Tsuruga Maru, Jap. str., from Yokohama.

19. Tainan, Fr. steamer, from Hongkong.

20. Akitaishima Maru, Jap. str., from H.M.A.

21. Tokio Maru, Japanese str., from Shanghai.

22. Monocacy, Amer. gunboat, from Teng.

23. Watanabe Maru, Jap. str., for Nagasaki.

24. Teira Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.

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EXTRACTS.

LOOKING BACK.

Fair were the drowsy days of old,
When, in the sleepy summer shade,
Beneath the boughs on the soft,
The slender lay, and gently played
Music to madden, who, afraid,
Drew all alabaster, rapidly,
Their white soft hands like white leaves laid,
In the old, old days in Arcady.

Men were not then as they are now,
Haunted and tormented by dreams;

They sought not then unceasingly to know
The end, that, as a magnet leads;

Not told with master fingers bold,
Nor reasoned with their great and wise;

But hid in pleasant meads;

In the old, old days in Arcady.

The future may be wrong or right;

The present is distinctly wrong;

For life and love have but delight,

And bitter even is our song;

And year by year, gray growths strong,

And death is all that seems to dress;

Wherefore, with weary hearts we long

For the old, old days in Arcady.

BY R. STOKES.

Glories and triumphs ne'er will cease;

But man may sound the heavens and sea;

One thing is lost for aye—the peace

Of the old, old days in Arcady.

—WHICH IS IT?

Two young men went to Henderson to see

the Misses Jones, two very estimable young

ladies there. A coloured girl came to the

door, and the following conversation took

place:

"Are the Misses Jones in?"

"Yes, sir, Mrs. Jones am in. Does you want to see her?"

"No, we want to see the Misses Jones."

"Mrs. Jones, dat's what I said."

"We want to see the Misses Jones; can't you understand?"

"Course I kin. Do Mrs. Jones am de old

Indy. Dat's de only missus in dis head

house."

"Course it, we want to see the old lady's

daughters."

"Oh, da Miss Joneses. Why didn't you say so?" I reckon you're both drunk. Come peeterin' round beah wid yu' missus and missus, and do—. You better clar' you can't peeter in no book beah, you heah me?"

And she slammed the door in the face of the astonished young bloods. This is an actual occurrence.—*Detroy Free Press*.

THE SITE OF PARADISE.

Prof. Delitzsch has published at Leipzig

the work on the site of Paradise on which he

has been engaged for several years. He

shows the insufficiency of the theories which

have placed the Garden of Eden in the Hin-

du-Kush, Armenia, and makes it clear that

we must look for it only in Babylonia. Re-

jecting Sir Henry Rawlinson's notion by

which it was assigned to the neighbourhood of Eridu, on the shores of the Persian Gulf,

he identifies it with Kar-Dunyas, that por-

tion of Accad which lay between Bagdad and

Babylon. The Pison and Gibon he finds is

the Pallakwas and Shatt-en-Nil canals,

which are believed to have been originally

river-beds before they were converted to the

service of Babylonian irrigation: thus Dr.

Delitzsch explains the expression of Genesis

which makes the river of Paradise divide into

four heads after leaving the Garden. Pison

he proves to be an Achaean word for canal.

An English translation of Dr. Delitzsch's

book is being prepared for the press, though

we regret to hear that it will not include the

elaborate and valuable notes contained in the

original.—*Literary Notes in Daily Mail*.

THE MODERN BISHOP.

"Times is clanged, indeed," said an old parson clerk in Yorkshire lately, upon a recent visit of the archbishop. "Why, I mind the day when the archbishop never came to a confirmation but with his coach and four, and each horse a pinto!"

For the venerable amen-sayer's recollection went back to that

"Right Honourable and Most Reverend Father in God, Edward Venables Vernon-Harcourt, the last of the grandiose aristocratic archbishops, who always, in coach and four, attended Doncaster races, and a very fine, gracious, generous old gentleman he was."

"Now," continued the old clerk, "the present archbishop came along the other day afoot, and carrying a little black bag! 'Twas ever so." Still the old man admitted that Dr. Thoson—who, instead of being the son of Lord Vernon, is the son of Mr. Thoson, draper of Whitehaven, a "one-horn" town in Cumberland—is a very fine and effective personage. The modern British Bishop is emphatically a man of the world, and, generally, a most agreeable person. The Greek play-edicting prelate and the port-wine bishop goes everywhere, even to America.

IMITATION FLOWERS MADE WITH LIQUID FILMS.

A pretty experiment has been recently described by the well-known Belgian physiologist, M. Plateau. He binds fine iron wires so as to present the contour of a flower of six petals. The central ring to which the petals are attached is supported on a forked stem, which is stuck in a piece of wood. After oxidizing the wire slightly with weak nitric acid, the flower is dipped in glycerine liquid, so as to receive films in the petals and the central part. It is then turned up, placed on a table near a window, and covered with a bell jar. For a little while it appears colourless, but soon a striking play of colours commences. In the experiment M. Plateau describes the flower continued showing modifications of colour for ten hours, when the dyes stopped observation. Next morning several petals had burst. The liquid used was of very mediocre quality. M. Plateau recommends pre-preparation of the liquid thus:—Dissolve a fresh piece of Marseilles soap, cut up into small pieces, in 40 parts by weight of hot distilled water. Filter after cooling and mix thoroughly three volumes of the solution with two of Frys' glycerine. The solution should be left at rest till all air bubbles are gone.

DIAMONDS.

The most valuable diamonds are those which are entirely colourless. Those with a blue tinge, though still more rare, are not so highly valued, as the actual beauty of the pure ones outweighs the purity of the blue variety. One of the finest of the blue variety

is to be seen in the collection of Mr. Persie

and Hope. Diamonds of a red tinge take still

a good place; green diamonds are tolerably

numerous, and rank last; yellow ones are

very common, and the least esteemed.

The estimation of the value of a diamond is made

according to a regular system of appraisement.

It will surprise many who are not conversant

with the subject to learn that a large proportion

of a diamond is often ground away to

dust in cutting it so as to make the most of

its brilliancy. The greatest diamond in the

French Treasury, the Regent, weighed, we

are told, 416 carats before cutting, and 1861

after cutting, which seems an immense loss

in size; but we presume it only increased the

marketable value of the gem. Of course,

the diamond dust taken off in cutting is not

allowed to be lost, but it is used chiefly for

practical purposes, in forming in its turn the

means of grinding down the faces of other

diamonds; for this superb stone will yield

no too bad a return from its own substance.

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